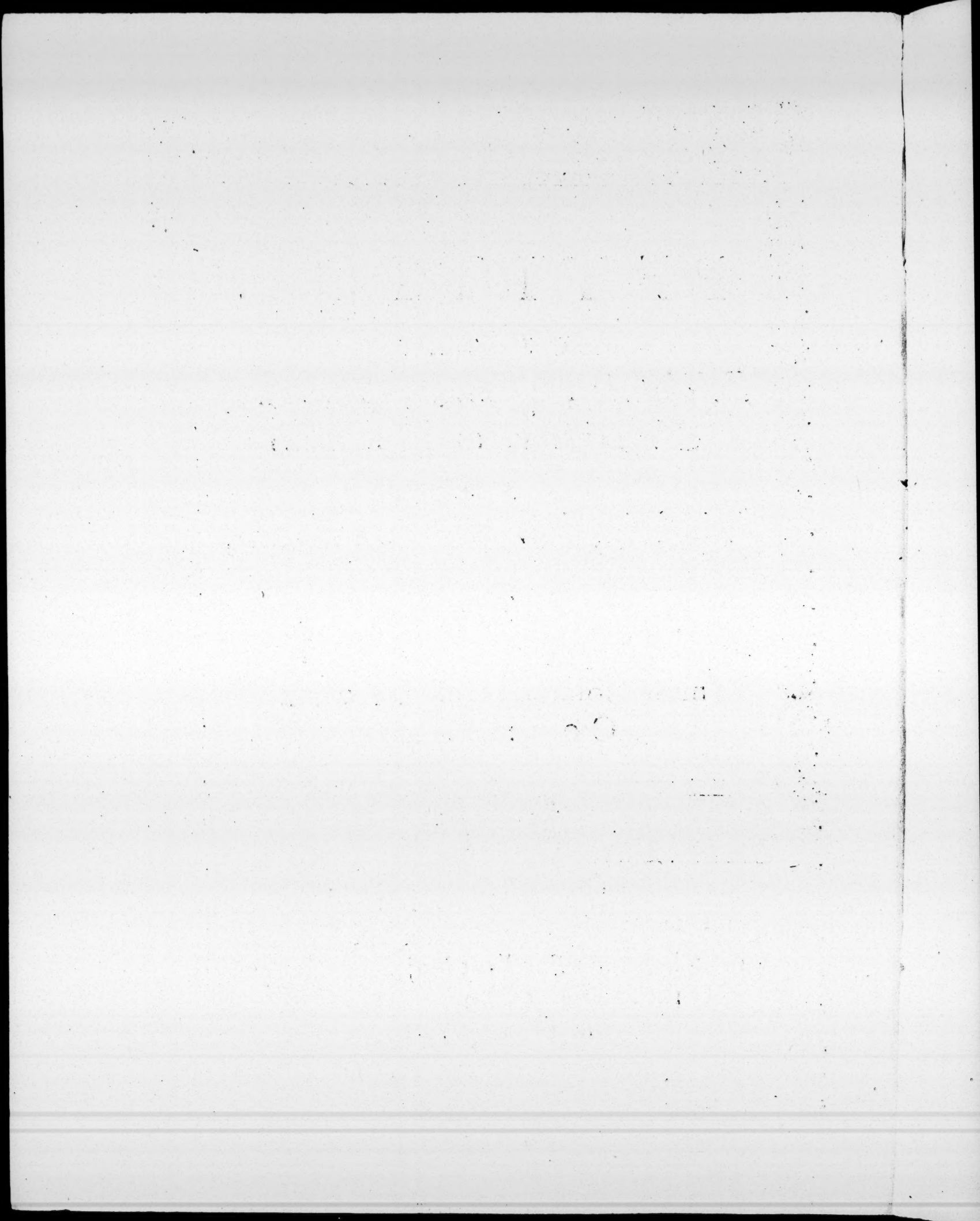


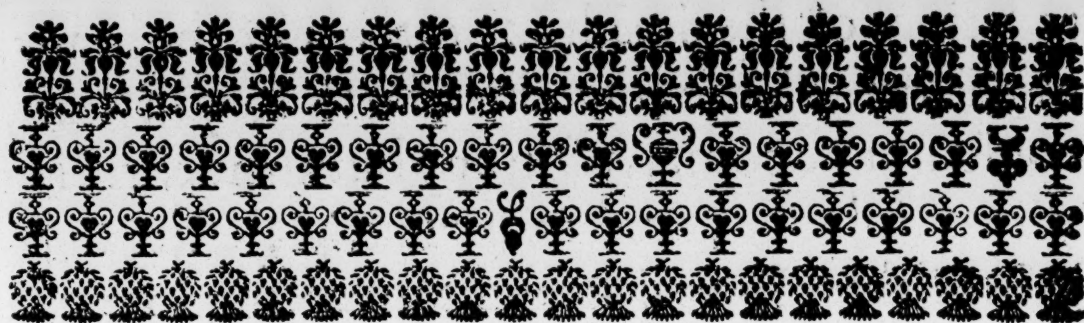
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OF THE  
*Nobilitie, Gentry, Burrows,  
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OF  
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TO  
The Lords of His MAJESTIES  
most Honourable PRIVIE  
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Gentrie, Burrowes, Ministers,  
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*To the right Honourable the Lords of  
His Majesties most Honourable  
Privie Councel*

*Humbly sheweth,*

**T**Hat whereas the Kings most Sa-  
cred Majestie His Royall Zeal  
and constant Resolution of main-  
taining the true Religion, and  
preserving the Laws and Liberties  
of these His Kingdoms is so undoubted, that to  
call it in question after so many reiterated Pro-  
fessions and Asseverations emitted in His Maje-  
sties Declarations and Answers, with deep At-  
testations



testations of the dreadfull Searcher of the hearts,  
 as witnesse of the sinceritie of His Royall heart,  
 could not be conserved in any but an unchristian  
 distrustfulnesse; and in us His Majesties Sub-  
 jects of this His ancient and native Kingdom, the  
 height of disloyaltie and ingratitude, if we  
 should harbour any scruple or thought to the  
 contrary; having so many reall and recent evi-  
 dences of His Majesties Royall Goodnesse, Ju-  
 stice, and Wisdom, in settling and establishing  
 the true Religion, and the Laws and Liberties  
 of this His Kingdom, to the full satisfaction of  
 all His good Subjects: And neverthelesse, per-  
 ceiving by His Majesties Declarations and other  
 Printed Papers, that foul and malicious aspersi-  
 ons are cast upon His Majestie, tending to  
 brand His Sacred Person, and to deprave His  
 Royall Government: And understanding  
 by His Majesties late L E T T E R sent unto  
 your Lordships, that His Majestie, out of  
 His singular Goodnesse and desire to enjoy  
 the hearts of His People of this His Native  
 Kingdom, free of all Jealousies and Prejudices,  
 hath been pleased to clear His Royall Intenti-  
 ons and Actions from those Calumnious Impu-  
 tations;

tations ; And therefore justly challengeth from us that humble respect due to His Sacred Majesty, by so many Tyes and Titles, and so much professed and promised by us with solemn Oaths in Our Nationall Covenant and Oath at His Majesties Coronation ; We conceive our selves bound in duty to God Almighty, by whose great Name we have sworn to defend and maintain the Person, Greatnesse, and Authority of our dread Sovereign as Gods Vicegerent, to the uttermost of our power, with our means and lives, in every cause which may concern His Honour, as may appear by that which by Warrant of the Act of Generall Assembly we have all sworn and signed, and to our King and Countrey, and to that we ow to our Honour and Reputation, To represent to your Lordships the humble desires we have to expresse and make known to His Majesty and all the world, that we are fully satisfied and perswaded of His Majesties Royall zeal and Resolution, and that malice and detraction cannot prevail to make the least impression in Our Loyall hearts of Jealousie or distrust.

And therefore we have taken the boldnesse

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humbly to petition your Lordships for our selves, and in name and behalf of all others who will adhere to this our Petition, that as His Majestie has graciously condescended in His Letter to your Lordships, and printed by your Warrant, for satisfaction of His good subjects, to expresse His Royall goodnesse and desire that all grounds of jealousie or mistaking may be kept and removed out of the hearts of His good Subjects of this Kingdom:

So it may please your Lordships to think upon some course, that His Majestie reciprocally may be cleared & assured of our constant affection and resolution to keep our solemn and Nationall Oath, and that we are not so unthankfull to God or to His Vicegerent, nor so little tender of our own honour and credit, as to forget so soon that duty incumbent to us by so many obligations, and so often promised by us in our foresaid solemn Oaths, which are published to the view of all the world, and we are confident that in so doing we cannot be misconstrued, as if we intended any thing to the prejudice of that Brotherly and blessed Conjunction of the two Nations, happily united by Allegiance & loyall subjection  
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to one Sovereign and Head, and solemnly confirmed by his Majesties own consent, by Acts of Parliament of both Kingdoms, or to foment jealousies and mistakings at home amongst ourselves, seeing our desire neither of it self doth tend, nor by us is intended (as we attest God the searcher of all hearts) for any other end but for the performance of that humble duty to our Dread and Native King, to which we conceive our selves strictly bound by all the Tyes of Nature, Christianity, and Gratitude, and therefore we doubt not but all his Majesties good Subjects will joyn with us in this our humble and just desire; and that your Lordships in the deepness of your Wisdoms will contribute hereto: And your Lordships Answer most humbly we crave.

**FINIS.**

